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Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council

Item ID:

68504

Agenda Number

32.

Meeting Date:

March 23, 2017

Department:

Purchasing

Subject

Authorize negotiation and execution of a 36-month contract through the STATE OF TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION RESOURCES cooperative purchasing program with SOLID BORDER, to provide RedSeal software and services, in an amount not to exceed \$312,000.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$52,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Operating Budget of Austin Energy. Funding for the remaining 30 months of the contract period is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:

Multiple cooperative purchase programs were reviewed for these goods and services. The Purchasing Office has determined this Contractor best meets the needs of the department to provide the goods and services required at the best value for the City. The recommended Contractor is the current provider for these goods and services.

Prior Council Action:



For More Information:

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Boards and Commission Action:

February 27, 2017 - Unanimously recommended by the Electric Utility Commission on a 9-0 vote, with two vacancies.

Related Items:

MBE / WBE:

This contract will be awarded by a cooperative purchase agreement with the State of Texas Department of Information Resources (DIR) in accordance with Chapter 2054 of the Texas Government Code; therefore, goals were not established.

Additional Backup Information

The contract is for the purchase of RedSeal software and services including maintenance and support for Austin Energy. The contract will facilitate the upgrade, renewal and consolidation of RedSeal software and services in order to continue the audit of Austin Energy's multi-vendor firewalls for compliance with North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) requirements, and to maintain and prevent access which would violate NERC policies.

RedSeal software is used to measure and manage the digital resilience of Austin Energy's network, and verify compliance, and accelerate incident response. This contract will also allow for the purchase of new firewall and network security technology equipment, software and related services on an as-needed basis.

The contract is new in that it represents a consolidation of purchases for these products and services into a single contract. The requested authorization amounts are based on Austin Energy's forecasted needs of the contract. Austin Energy's historical spend for these products and services averages approximately \$104,000 per year. Austin Energy has used RedSeal software and services since 2011.